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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SN, US

SUBJECT: USAF SURVEY TEAM FOR RSAF

REFS: A. SINGAPORE 3805 B. STATE 206404

1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN
FULL CONSIDERATION IN SETTING UP USAF SURVEY TEAM.

2. UNTIL TEAM HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ITS SURVEY AND
PREPARE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE
TO DECIDE NOW ON ANY FOLLOW-ON GROUP. EMBASSY SHOULD,
HOWEVER, BE AWARE THAT ANY FOLLOW-UP INVOLVING PRESENCE
OF U.S. ADVISORS IN SINGAPORE SHOULD BE FOR SPECIFIC
SHORT-TERM MISSIONS. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY ADVISORY TEAM
WITH OPEN-ENDED MISSION COULD CREATE APPEARANCE OF
EMBRYONIC MAAG AND RAISE CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS.

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3. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY'S COMMENT PARA 6 REF A THAT

UK SHOULD BE INFORMED BY GOS OF TEAM'S DESPATCH, IN VIEW
OF FACT THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING BRITISH AGREEMENT
REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL FUEL FARM AND BERTHS AT
STORES BASIN. ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEW BRITISH
CHIEF OF AIR STAFF MAY SHORTLY BE ASSIGNED TO RSAF
(PLEASE CONFIRM), AND FACT THAT STUDY TEAM WILL NO DOUBT

WISH TO SEEK HIS VIEWS MAY BE CONVENIENT HANDLE FOR
PRODDING THE GOS IN THIS REGARD. KISSINGER

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